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APPLICANTS: Bradley et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/839,658 EXAMINER: Teresa E. Strzelecka  
FILING DATE: April 19, 2001 ART UNIT: 1637  
FOR: NOVEL COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ARRAY-BASED NUCLEIC  
ACID HYBRIDIZATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to respond to the April 24, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$205.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No.27476-504. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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